(e) whether they have made any representation to the Authority for the regularisation of their services; and

(f) whether their cases have been considered and any decision taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The DDA have reported that only one Field Surveyor is working with them on daily wage. Apart from this, 383 Field Surveyors have been appointed by them on contract basis. Most of them are graduates and some of them possess post-graduate qualifications also.

(c) These officials are continuing in DDA for the last 3 to 5 years.

(d) The daily wage Field Surveyor is being paid at the rate of Rs. 21.80 per day and contract appointees are being paid at a fixed rate of Rs. 590 per month plus field travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 56 per month.

(e) Yes.

(f) No decision has yet been taken.

Landslide in Sikkim

2905. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate Central assistance to Sikkim for the landslide that occurred in 1983, the Government of Sikkim is not in a position to put the Jhora training works and protective works in Lantha Khola, and Rangrang, North Sikkim, due to which all the hillocks are sliding down causing a lot of damage to private property;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to sanction some money in order to enable the State Government to undertake the soil conservation work and check such all erosion;

(c) if so, when the work will be started; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Based on the findings of the Central Team and the recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a sum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs was sanctioned for protective works, Jhora training, river bed protection etc. to be utilised by the Government of Sikkim during 1983-84 (Rs. 20.00 lakhs) and 1984-85 (Rs. 30.00 lakhs). There are no reports of any sliding down of hillocks, so far, from the Government of Sikkim.

(b) to(d) No request for Central assistance for undertaking soil conservation works to check soil erosion has been received from the Government of Sikkim. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchment of Teesta river a sum of Rs. 32.60 lakhs was spent during the years 1980-81 to 1982-83 covering an area of 460 hectares. During the year 1983-84 Rs. 14.00 lakhs were released to the State Government for treating an area of 150 hectares. Outlay for the current year (1984-85) is Rs. 20.00 lakhs with a target area of 220 hectares. Besides this, the State has also been implementnig Soil Conservation Programme through State Sector Plan.

North Sikkim Highway

2906. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North Sikkim Highway under the Border Roads Organisation is cut off at Lantha Khola from the rest of the world putting lot of hardship to army and civilian persons;